

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 13, 2005. Claims 1, 19, 20, 24, 32, 35, 38, 54, 74, 75, 82, 95 and 120 to 125 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 24, 32, 35, 38, 54, 74, 75, 82, 95 and 120 to 125 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

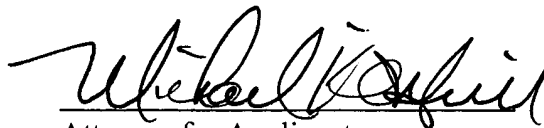
Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that Claims 1, 24, 32, 35, 38, 54, 74, 75, 82, 95, and 120 to 125 are allowed, and for the indication that Claims 19 and 20, as they depend from those allowed claims are allowable. Based on that indication, Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to depend only from the allowed independent claims, and Claims 126 and 127 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

The Office Action entered a rejection of Claims 126, 127, 19/126-127, and 20/126-127 under U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 5,991,063 (Ando). The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejection, in an effort to obtain an earlier allowance of the subject application and expedite issuance. It is Applicants' current intention to file a divisional application for the subject matter of the rejected claims.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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